GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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COASTAL SURVEILLANCE ALONG KERALA AND TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navy and Coast Guard have conducted an operation surveillance in the context of reports about terrorist attempt to smuggle arms and money through the Kerala and Tamil Nadu coast;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up any special machinery in these coastal areas for regularly keeping an alert against the anti-national forces; and

(d) the details of measures taken to ensure security of areas and establishments located on the coasts and to provide adequate radar coverage to the entire coastal areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): India`s coastal waters and the coastal areas, including that of Kerala and Tamil Nadu, are guarded by the Indian Coast Guard in coordination with the State Police and the Indian Navy. Surveillance and maritime patrolling along the coast are regularly done by the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard. The measures that have been taken and planned to ensure the security of areas and establishments located on the coasts include regular aerial surveillance, establishment of coastal police stations in the littoral States as part of Coastal Security Scheme, vessel monitoring system, etc.